

# Dervla McDonnell

visual artist and linguist

## education

Carnegie Mellon University - Pittsburgh PA  
B.F.A. in Fine Art with a second major in Japanese Studies, expected May 2015

Himeji Dokkyo University - Himeji, Hyogo, Japan  
language intensive programs, summer 2013 and 2014

Maryland Institute College of Art - Baltimore MD  
coursework in art history and portfolio preparation

## special skills

### language

Intermediate-high level Japanese proficiency  
Novice level Chinese proficiency

### software and hardware

Adobe premiere, aftereffects, photoshop  
Microsoft office suite  
Apple work suite  
MaxMSP, processing, arduino

### arts fabrication

Exhibition install/breakdown  
Power tools and shop equipment  
Carpentry and welding

## selected exhibitions

*Art School Evolution*  
the Ellis Gallery, Pittsburgh PA spring 2014

upcoming: *Undergraduate All-Women Painting Exhibition (working title)*  
the Frame Gallery, Pittsburgh PA fall 2014

## contact

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## selected work and leadership experience

Carnegie Mellon University, School of Art, Arts Fabrication Center  
Woodshop monitor, January 2014 to present

*Maintaining and enforcing shop safety and organization, providing support and guidance to students in designing and fabricating sculptural and structural projects*

Himeji Dokkyo University and the U.S. Department of State, Critical Language Scholarship Program Curriculum Committee Chair, summer 2014

*Acting as a liaison between students, teachers and administrators to gather and implement improvements to the curriculum and program structure; planning and directing weekly committee meetings as well as monthly program-wide presentation days*

Carnegie Mellon University, Japanese Students Association  
Public Relations Committee Board Member, fall 2013 to spring 2014

*Brainstorming and implementing strategies to engage the greater Pittsburgh community in JSA activities and events; working with a team to design graphic elements for organization-wide use*

## selected honors and scholarships

Critical Language Scholarship, US Department of State, summer 2013 and 2014

Andrew Carnegie Society Scholarship, Carnegie Mellon University, fall 2014

Charles K. Archer Scholarship, Carnegie Mellon University, fall 2012 to present

Institutional Merit Grant, Carnegie Mellon University, fall 2011 to present